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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2435

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: US, XO
SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN ARMS CONTROL TALKS

REF: BERN 647 AND 676, CANBERRA 980.

FOR EA AND PM ONLY

1. AS AN EXAMPLE OF PRECISELY WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT
IN CANBERRA REFTEL (KEEPING THE INDIAN OCEAN CIRCUIT INFORMED
ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THIS AREA), WE HAVE TWO FURTHER
EXCELLENT EXAMPLES OF MESSAGES SENT FROM BERN TO THE DEPARTMENT,
COPIES OF WHICH WE WERE PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF THE EXCELLENT
WORKING RELATIONS WE HAVE BETWEEN VARIOUS SECTIONS IN THIS
EMBASSY. THEY ARE BERN 647 AND 676, DESCRIBING THE FIRST AND
SECOND PLENARY SESSIONS ON FEBRUARY 7TH AND 9TH RESPECTIVELY.

2. SINCE WE'RE GETTING THE INFORMATION, OBVIOUSLY WE'RE
RELUCTANT TO IMPLICATE OUR SOURCES. IN FACT, WE BELIEVE IT
IS REGRETTABLE THAT THESE MESSAGES WEREN'T READDRESSED --
FOR INFORMATION ONLY -- TO EMBASSIES IN THE FIELD
BY THE DEPARTMENT. IT SHOULD GO WITHOUT SAYING THAT
WE'RE NOT GOING TO FURTHER COMPLICATE THE WORK OF THE
DELEGATION BY KIBBITZING FROM HERE. BUT AT THE SAME
TIME, IT'S EQUALLY CLEAR THAT ONE ELEMENT OF THE U.S.
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GOVERNMENT HAS SOME CONFIDENCE IN ITS PEOPLE AND GOES
TO SOME PAINS TO KEEP THEM INFORMED, WHILE WE STILL
APPARENTLY EITHER DO NOT, OR DO NOT REGARD IT AS WORTH
THE BOTHER. WE REGRET THAT THAT SHOULD BE SO, FOR IT
IS SYMPTOMATIC OF A WAY OF THINKING WHICH, WE HAD
HOPED, DISAPPEARED THIRTEEN MONTHS AGO.
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